

Fillmore Soil & Water Conservation District

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DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, July 16th 2026

5:00 PM

Conservation Building

912 Houston Street NW

Preston, MN 55965

Members Present: T Gossman, K. Tesmer, E. Biel, T. Wilford, J. Wetzel

Others Present: D Copeland, D. Bakke, R. Buley

Absent: T. Baker

Meeting called to order by J Wetzel @ 5:00

Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda .**Motioned by: E. Biel** **2nd by: T. Gossman,**

With 1 addition from BWSR

- II. Treasurer's Report

1. Approve, June 2026 SWCD Treasurer's report subject to audit.

Motioned by: T. Gossman **2nd by: T Willford, Affirmative**

Wetzel, Biel, Gossman, Willford Tesmer. opposed none motion carried.

2. Approve, June 2026 Root River 1W1P Treasurer's report subject to audit.

Motioned by: T. Willford **2nd by: T. Gossman**

Affirmative: Wetzel, Biel, Gossman, Willford Tesmer. opposed none motion carried.

2022-2023 - Root River 1W1P - C22-0480			
Payments	Terms	Received	Grant Terms
\$ 734,798.00	50%	05-26-2022	Executed 05-20-2022
\$ 587,838.00	40%	09-09-2024	
\$ 146,959.00	10%	07/09/2026	Expires 12-31-2025
Grant Total	Deposits	Disbursements	Grant Cash Balance
\$ 1,469,595.00	\$ 1,322,636.00	\$ 1,469,595.00,	\$ 0.00

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2024-2025 - Watershed Base Implementation ARP – C24-0143			
Payments	Terms	Received	Grant Terms
\$ 1,150,475.00	50%	04-23-2024	Executed 04-08-2024
\$ 920,380.00	40%	01-23-2026	
\$ 230,095.00	10%		Expires 12-31-2026
Grant Total	Deposits	Disbursements	Grant Cash Balance
\$ 2,300,950.00	\$ 2,070,855.00	1,592,166.93	\$ 478,688.10

2026-2027 - Watershed Base Implementation ARP – C26-0136			
Payments	Terms	Received	Grant Terms
\$ 1,158,015.00	50%	3/2/2026	Executed 03/02/2026
\$ 926,412.00	40%		
\$ 231,603.00	10%		Expires 12-31-2028
Grant Total	Deposits	Disbursements	Grant Cash Balance
\$ 2,316,030.00	\$ 1,158,015.00	\$ 30,702.04	\$ 1,127,313.00

- III. Consent Agenda: **Motioned by:** T. Willford **2nd by:** T. Gossman, **Affirmative:** Wetzel, Biel, Gossman, Willford, Tesmer. **Opposed none motion carried.**
1. Secretary's report June 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.
 2. Consider final payment to Mike Schmidt, for \$1,000 contract DWP-41, Nitrogen Test Plot following clover cover crop. Utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection Grant.
 3. Approve Contract FY26-WS-0, David Marzolf for \$2,750.00 (351 Well Decommission) Utilizing funds from the RR1W1P 2024/2026 Grant.

IV. Reports

1. Supervisor's Activity Report. **Wetzel reported attending Regular meeting, Willford: reported regular mtg., Biel, reported regular mtg., Gossman reported regular mtg, /dye tracing mtg. Tesmer reported regular mtg. MASWCD mtg., and TSA mtg.**
2. Staff Reports: **attached to Board Packet**
3. Administration Report:
 - i. ~~Conservation Agronomist MDA JPA update~~

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- ii. **Dye Tracing Event August 4th, discussion:** Update on Dates next month, looking at September
- iii. **Strengthening Forest Economies RFP:** Wabasha SWCD will be applying on our behalf.
4. NRCS Report: On 7/14/26 Jess Bronson reported that the NRCS office is continuing to focus on the Farm bill related programs and policies.
5. County Report: Bakke reported County budget will be done Aug. 24th.
6. BWSR: Copeland reported on status on Fillmore's Ground water Nitrate plan.

V. Old Business

- 1.

VI. New Business

1. Approve 2nd Quarter Supervisors reports. **Motioned by: T. Gossman 2nd by: T. Willford Affirmative : Wetzel, Willford, Gossman, Biel, Tesmer. opposed none motion carried.**
2. Discuss SWCD 2027 request to Fillmore County Allocation. **Fillmore SWCD will be requesting \$220,000 from County.**
3. Discuss & Approve use of Fillmore SWCD Technology usage.
Motioned by: R. Buley 2nd by: T. Willford approved to develop a plan for A-I tech usage and present at Annual Mtg. Affirmative: Wetzel, Gossman, Willford, Biel, Tesmer. opposed none motion carried
4. **Consider Brightsdale Dam Project as eligible for "Special District Project" funding;**
Motioned by: NA 2nd by: NA, Topic was discussed and requesting DNR attends the August board meeting to discuss further.
5. **Approve FY27 MDA Technical Assistance contract for Conservation Agronomist Project.**
Motioned by: T. Willford 2nd by: Tesmer Affirmative: Wetzel, Gossman, Willford, Biel, Tesmer. opposed none motion carried.

VII. Accounts Payable

1. Approve June accounts payable. **Motioned by: T. Willford 2nd by: Tesmer Affirmative: Wetzel, Biel, Gossman, Tesmer, Willford, opposed none motion carried.**

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VIII. Adjournment, **Motioned by: T. Willford** **2nd by: T. Gossman meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm**

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Regular Board Meeting

Fillmore County Fair

Forestry Field Day (Steve & Diane Snyder's) 5:00 pm

Grazing School held at Grover Farm 8:00-3:00

Dye Tracing Event

RR1W1P Planning workgroup Meeting

MN State Fair

July 16th 2026

July 20-26, 2026

July 29th, 2026

July 30th 2026

Aug 4th 2026

Aug 11, 2026

Aug 27th -Sept 7, 2026